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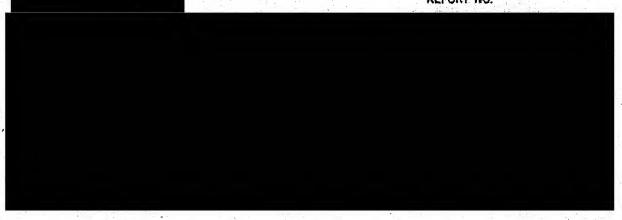
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- The Government, in a campaign to mobilize Foland's full scommis reserves, is stressing the following:
 - (m) Conservation of fuel,
 - (b) Nore efficient utilisation of production machinery;
 - (a) Buillocation of labor to eliminate local unemployment, which exists despite a general shortage of manpower; and
 - (d) Avoidance of employment in non-productive enterprises.
- 2. The FFR has tried various means for stimulating industrial production. Workers' councils and competitions were brought into operation with limited success. The "Stakhanov system" is being introduced now.
- 5. Stribes have been suppressed ruthlessly by the police and finally outlawed by the EU SZ. Absentesize and tardiness, however, are still prevalent. During September 1947 an everage of 40 thousand miners were absent delly out of a total of 145 thousand employed. During the same period absentess among the 84 thousand steel workers averaged eight thousand.
- 4. Increases in production and in the quantity of raw materials available have thrown more goods on the Polish market and brought a noticeable reduction in the price of some industrial products. Also helping to drive some prices downward is the Government's obvious determination to compete with private enterprise. PCR's /fovermment-owned stores/ were recently ordered to lower prices.
- 5. There is a constant shortage of milk, batter, and flour. During the first half of Movember 1947 the authorities prohibited sales of butter and milk in privately owned stores. "Ersats" milk, homey, coffee, too, commoties, etc, have appeared on the market.

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